

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, which are not sealed within a light-shielding wrapper, and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out, said photosensitive printing plates being in direct contact with said box main body;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member which prevents direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box main body, provided in the vicinity of a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in an assembled state, the light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box through the zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state, and said light-shielding member being circumferentially larger than said box main body such that said light-shielding member surrounds and covers an outermost portion of said box main body.

9. - 10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein a sheet-type material of which surface is smooth and air tight is adhered onto an outer surface of said opening/closing lid.

12. - 26. (canceled).

27. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8, wherein said opening/closing lid is disposed on a top surface of the box main body.

28-29. (canceled).

30. (currently amended): A combination of a printing plate packaging box and a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, comprising:

said bundle of photosensitive printing plates which are not sealed within a light shielding wrapper; and

said printing plate packaging box including;

a box main body which accommodates said bundle of photosensitive printing plates and which is provided with a supply opening through which said photosensitive printing plates are taken out, said photosensitive printing plates being in direct contact with said box main body;

an opening/closing lid which is removably attached to said box for opening/closing the supply opening; and

a light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into inside of the box through a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state, and said light-shielding member being

circumferentially larger than said box main body such that said light-shielding member surrounds and covers an outermost portion of said box main body.

31. - 32. (canceled).

33. (currently amended): A printing plate packaging box comprising:

a box main body which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates, which are not sealed within a light-shielding wrapper, and which is provided with a supply opening through which the photosensitive printing plates are taken out, said photosensitive printing plates being in direct contact with said box main body;

an opening/closing lid which is for opening/closing the supply opening, the lid being detachable from the box; and

a light-shielding member which prevents direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box main body, provided in the vicinity of a zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in an assembled state, the light-shielding member being connected to the opening/closing lid such that the light-shielding member blocks the direct entry of light from outside into the inside of the box through the zone in which the box main body and the opening/closing lid are contacted to each other in the assembled state, and said light-shielding member being circumferentially larger than said box main body such that said light-shielding member surrounds and covers an outermost portion of said box main body.

34. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 33,

wherein a sheet-type material of which surface is smooth and air tight is adhered onto an outer surface of said opening/closing lid and the sheet-type material is positioned to be parallel with the bundle of photosensitive printing plates.

35. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 33,
wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.

36. (previously presented): A printing plate packaging box according to claim 8,
wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.

37. (previously presented): A combination of a printing plate packaging box and a bundle of photosensitive printing plates according to claim 30,
wherein the light-shielding member is configured such that an inner portion of the light-shielding member is in sliding contact with an outermost portion of the box main body when the lid is removed from the box main body.